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1. [ ] Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, advised of a letter Chairman Ellender received from a [ ]

[ ] In his letter [ ] enclosed a response he had received from Senator Fulbright to a query he made earlier about a newspaper article stating that the Agency was about to get involved again in internal politics in Bolivia. Fulbright responded that he doubted the Agency was involved in this kind of thing but went on to say that ". . . such legislative oversight as is exercised over CIA is conducted by the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees." Fulbright added that several efforts to change this arrangement in the Senate had been unsuccessful. Hancock has subsequently written to Ellender asking whether allegations in the article of CIA involvement in Latin America governments were true. Woodruff proposes to provide the Senator with a reply which merely says that in accordance with the legal precedents of the Senate and of the Appropriations Committee matters pertaining to the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over CIA are handled in executive session and are not made public. I made several suggestions such as quoting Secretary of State Rusk's response to a question from Senator Margaret Chase Smith along these lines and excerpts from the Director's recent speech, but Woodruff felt these would only tend to encourage followup correspondence from Hancock. It was agreed that he would stay with the response he originally proposed. 25X1

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2. [ ] Accompanied Messrs. Duckett, DDS&T, and [ ] [ ] to a briefing of Chairman George P. Miller (D., Calif.) and Charles F. Ducander, Executive Director and Chief Counsel, House Science and Astronautics Committee. The briefing updated the Soviet space program and discussed in brief the Soviet SST program. Chairman Miller will be departing later in the week for Italy and from there to a science convention in Paris. No followup action is required from the meeting.

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3. [ ] Talked to Miss Jo Ann Ciaravella, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who told me that the Employee Benefits Subcommittee meeting scheduled for today was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 29 September, at 10:00 a.m. at which time the Subcommittee will continue mark-up of the Committee print concerning invasion of privacy of Federal employees.

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25X1 10. [ ] Met with Mr. W. H. Boone, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him for Chairman Teague (D., Texas), of the Manned Space Subcommittee, on the Soviet lunar program.

25X1 11. [ ] Met with Mrs. Lois G. Myers, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, and received from her copies of the Committee print of 23 September of a bill to protect civilian employees in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights. Mrs. Myers told me that the Subcommittee meeting for Monday is very unsettled as to time and place. If it is firmed up during the day, she will call me.

25X1 12. [ ] Left for Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, the text of a Moscow radio broadcast criticizing Chairman Stennis.

25X1 13. [ ] Met with Jim Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, and alerted him to Soviet preparations for another lunar launch using the SL-12 booster.

25X1 14. [ ] Dropped by the office of Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) and talked with Dave Johnson, on his staff, who had queried us a while back in connection with articles on Soviet defense related industries authored by Agency employees which appeared in a Joint Economic Committee study. I talked to Johnson at some length about reasons why intelligence estimates on Soviet research and development could not be declassified. Johnson has done considerable study on the subject of U.S. and Soviet R&D, on the Agency and on the intelligence community. I told him I would make available to him a copy of the CIA pamphlet which discussed the role of the Agency and the statutes which established it. Johnson said that Mr. Harrington has talked with Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Chairman of the newly established Intelligence Operations Subcommittee, and Nedzi apparently gave Harrington a copy of a bibliography on the Agency which the Library of Congress prepared for Nedzi. Johnson is making a copy of this bibliography for me.

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25X1 5. [ ] Received a call from Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, who asked if I could get by to see the Chairman during the day. He told me he was quite certain the Chairman wanted to arrange for a briefing for himself on Monday on Soviet space activities in anticipation of his trip to Europe. I thanked Mr. Wilson for the call and told him I would be by to see the Chairman before noon.

25X1 6. [ ] As a followup to the request from [ ] DIA, that the Agency handle debriefing of Mr. William H. Cook, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, prior to departure for a visit to the Soviet Union, I met with Mr. Cook in his office. He told me that he is seriously considering such a trip the latter part of next month and has the Chairman's blessing but as yet he has not filed his application for visa. I outlined the debriefing requirements to him and told him I would debrief him prior to departure if his plans materialize. In response to his request I told him I would also arrange a defensive briefing if he would like it. 25X1 [ ] OS, has been advised.

25X1 7. [ ] In response to his request, met with Chairman George Miller (D., Calif.). House Science and Astronautics Committee, and after consultation with Mr. Duckett's office, DDS&T, I scheduled a briefing for the Chairman on Soviet space activities on Monday, 27 September, at 11:00 a.m.

25X1 8. [ ] Met with Mr. Michael Van Dusen, Near East Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that Chairman Hamilton wants to stay with the morning of 7 October for the meeting with Agency representatives even though there is a possibility that the House may go into recess later that same day. He would prefer that the meeting not be held over until after the Columbus Day recess. Mr. Van Dusen will notify the members of the Subcommittee late next week. I told him I would confirm on the 4th when [ ] will be returning from leave. 25X1

25X1 9. [ ] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and responded to his earlier question concerning the extension of combat radius of the Soviet Backfire aircraft by refueling. [ ] 25X1

25X1 I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on ChiCom missile testing and Soviet lunar program.

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